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TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES (IHSS) AND SSI/SSP BENEFIT LEVELS

REFERENCE:

This is to provide you with information concerning recent revisions to the Supplemental Security Income/State Supplementary Program (SSI/SSP) and In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) benefit levels.

SSI/SSP BENEFITS

Revised SSI/SSP benefits reflecting cost-of-living adjustments were effective July 1, 1978. As a result of the passage of Proposition 13 and the enactment of Chapters 292, 332, and 359 of the Statutes of 1978, SSI/SSP benefit levels were again revised, effective September 1, 1978.

Division 46 of the EAS Manual has been amended to reflect the SSI/SSP benefit levels effective July 1, 1978. Advance copies of the revised regulations have been mailed to all counties. Emergency regulations further amending Division 46 will reflect the changes effective September 1, 1978 and will be issued shortly.

The following chart details the SSI/SSP benefit levels for FY 1978-79:

	Effective <u>July 1978</u>	Effective <u>September 1978</u>
<u>Aged or Disabled Individual</u>		
Own Household	\$322.00	\$307.60

	<u>Effective July 1978</u>	<u>Effective September 1978</u>
Own Household without Cooking Facilities	\$358.00	\$340.60
Household of Another	258.87	244.47
Disabled Minor living with Parent, Relative or Guardian	258.00	252.60
<u>Blind Individual</u>		
Own Household	363.00	345.60
Household of Another	299.87	282.47
<u>Aged/Disabled Couple</u>		
Own Household	602.00	574.40
Own Household without Cooking Facility	674.00	640.40
Household of Another	507.30	479.70
<u>Blind/Aged or Blind/Disabled Couple</u>		
Own Household	673.00	642.40
Household of Another	578.30	547.70
<u>Blind Couple</u>		
Own Household	714.00	680.40
Household of Another	619.30	585.70
<u>Non-Medical Out-of-Home Care</u>		
Individual	369.00	354.60
Couple	738.00	709.20

The following chart details the components of the Non-Medical Out-of-Home Care benefit level:

	<u>Effective July 1978</u>		<u>Effective September 1, 1978</u>	
	<u>Minimum</u>	<u>Maximum</u>	<u>Minimum</u>	<u>Maximum</u>
For Board and Room	\$158.00	\$158.00	\$151.61	\$151.61
For Care and Supervision . . .	135.00	168.00	130.31	161.64
For Personal and Incidental Needs of the Recipient . . .	<u>76.00</u>	<u>43.00</u>	<u>72.68</u>	<u>41.35</u>
Total Allowance	<u>\$369.00</u>	<u>\$369.00</u>	<u>\$354.60</u>	<u>\$354.60</u>

IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES

Pursuant to Sections 12303.5 and 12304 of the Welfare and Institutions Code (W&I Code), the maximum allowable grants to recipients of In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) were increased effective July 1, 1978. Accordingly, the total cost of In-Home Supportive Services shall not exceed \$431 per month for non-severely impaired recipients and \$621 per month for severely impaired recipients. The increased benefit ceilings will remain in effect through June 30, 1979.

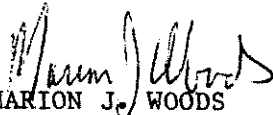
All counties are reminded that two separate benefit level computations must be made for income eligible In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) recipients to reflect the differences between the SSI/SSP payment levels effective July and those effective September 1978.

The In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) restaurant meals allowance increased to \$36 for an individual and \$72 for a couple effective July 1, 1978. Effective September 1, 1978, these allowances are \$33 for an individual and \$66 for a couple.

Allowances and exclusions indicated on the July 1978 revision of the Forms Soc 294A (IHSS Income Eligibility - Adult), and Soc 294C (IHSS Income Eligibility - Child) are correct as of July 1, 1978 for the entire 1978-79 fiscal year.

All questions regarding the information contained in this letter should be addressed to the contact persons indicated below.

Sincerely,


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